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INFO RUESUZ/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA 6340

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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED HIJACKING BRAZILIAN PLANE: GOB ALERTS DIPLOMATS
TO ADDITIONAL SECURITY RISK; HIJACKERS REPORTED APPREHENDED

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON RECEIVED FROM CHIEF OF OPERATIONS OF
RIO DE JANEIRO POLITICAL/SOCIAL POLICE AND FROM AMBASSADOR RIO
BRANCO, CHIEF OF FON OFFICE'S GUANABARA DELEGATION, RECOMMENDATIONS
THAT SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES BE TAKEN IN VIEW ATTEMPTED HIGH-
JACKING CRUZEIRO DO SUL AIRCRAFT THIS MORNING AND PLANE'S
PRESENCE AT GALEO AIRPORT WITH PASSENGERS AND HIJACKERS ALL
ABOARD.

2. AMBASSADOR RIO BRANCO SAID THAT GOB GREATLY CONCERNED THAT
TERRORISTS MIGHT SEEK KIDNAP FOREIGN DIPLOMAT AS MEANS
PRESSURING GOVERNMENT INTO PERMITTING DEPARTURE OF PLANE WITH
HIJACKERS. ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION BEING ALERTED TO THIS DANGER,
RIO BRANCO SAID.

3. EMBASSY TAKING SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS IN LIGHT THIS INFORMATION.

4. INFORMATION RECEIVED 16:15 FROM EYEWITNESS AT GALEO IS THAT
BRAZILIAN MILITARY HAD MANAGED INTRODUCE GAS OR SMOKE INTO PLANE,
THAT TWO SOLDIERS HAD THEN ENTERED IT, AND THAT ALL OCCUPANTS
HAD DEBARKED AND WERE STANDING NEAR PLANE UNDER GUARD.

5. EO50x1 SITUATION STILL CONFUSED
BUT AUTHORITIES DEFINITELY HAVE AT LEAST THREE HIJACKERS.

6. THIS DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT NECESSARILY DIMINISH IMMEDIATELY
SECURITY RISK AND EMBASSY MAINTAINING ITS SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS.

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